



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HB1977

Introduced 2/26/2007, by Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.142 new

Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to establish a 4-year pilot program in Aurora West Unit School District 129 and Aurora East Unit School District 131 to achieve a ratio of high school students to certified school counselors of 250 to 1. Allows the State Board to extend this pilot program to a school district in central or southern Illinois. Requires the State Board to work with the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling and local counseling directors to compile statistics on the pilot program. Provides that the State Board shall report the statistics it has compiled and the State Board's findings and recommendations concerning the pilot program to the General Assembly 2 years after the pilot program has been established and 4 years after the pilot program has been established.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 2-3.142 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.142 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.142. School counselor ratio; pilot program.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education  
9 shall establish a 4-year pilot program in Aurora West Unit  
10 School District 129 and Aurora East Unit School District 131 to  
11 achieve a ratio of high school students to certified school  
12 counselors of 250 to 1. The State Board may extend this pilot  
13 program to a school district in central or southern Illinois.  
14 The amount appropriated in a fiscal year for the pilot program  
15 for Aurora West Unit School District 129 and Aurora East Unit  
16 School District 131 must not exceed \$500,000.

17 (b) The State Board of Education shall work with the  
18 Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling and  
19 local counseling directors to compile statistics on the pilot  
20 program established under this Section, such as graduation  
21 rates, college attendance rates, and dropout rates. The State  
22 Board shall report the statistics it has compiled and the State  
23 Board's findings and recommendations concerning the pilot

1 program to the General Assembly 2 years after the pilot program  
2 has been established and 4 years after the pilot program has  
3 been established by filing copies of the report as provided in  
4 Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act.